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Title: The Black Necklace II

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It was at Paws that  
Hartham, of Trinsic,  
rescued the last survivor  
of Paws, Crawworth. But  
one has to ask, was  
there a reason for the  
orc attack that destroyed  
the village? I believe so,  
just as I also believe  
that there was a reason  
why the very same  
Hartham was assassinated  
in the first showing of  
the Followers of  
Armageddon (also called  
the Zog Cabal).  
Evidence Link  
"Tightly clasped around  
the neck of my person is  
a necklace, which Hartham  
once wore."  
"It was at that moment  
a huge crash was let out.  
All I saw was a swinging  
flash of gold. This  
necklace, swinging around  
the neck of the one  
whom would rescue me."

Hartham bore a gold  
necklace, which he later  
gave to Crawworth. Did  
the Followers of  
Armageddon know he gave  
it to his adopted son?  
Did they kill him in an  
attempt to gain that  
necklace? Read more,  
before you try to answer  
these questions.

The Bloody  
Search Hath Begun

At this time many things started to happen. The Liche Twins Lathiari and Kyrnia surfaced, Juo'Nar was discovered to be a party to evil actions, the Troll Brothers G'Thunk and G'Splat attack, and many seemingly unrelated happenings occur.

Most important to this story is when neclaces start to surface. Finth Desrin's wife, Tali, is killed, and a neclace taken. This happens at the same time as Juo'Nar kills 3 monks at the shrine of Sprituality, taking a neclace from them that they had tried to perform some unknown magics on.

#### Evidence Link

"After the shrines had been defended it was discovered that a large force of creatures had waylaid a caravan that travels between Trinsic and Skara Brae. Normally this caravan travels under the protection of the guards, but their number had been drastically reduced due to the emergency. Left with a light escort, the caravan managed to escape into the caves west of Trinsic. Alas, these caves became the spot of their slaughter."

"The head of this caravan was one Tali Desryn, the wife of Finth Desryn. Finth spared no expense and wasted no time in dispatching as many people as he could to assist the caravan. Alas, when the goodly citizens returned a certain necklace to his

possession he knew his wife and all other caravan members had been slain."

#### Evidence Link

"He was not seen again after his bannishment from Trinsic until he brutally murdered three monks at the Shrine of Spirituality to steal a magical necklace, all the while sending hordes of orcs and lizardmen to attack Trinsic - perhaps to create a diversion. He then launched a large scale attack against the shrines throughout the realm, forcing the regular guard patrols to spread and reduce their numbers. This allowed him to successfully raid a caravan transporting weapons and other armaments, killing the caravan leader, Tali Desryn, wife of Fint Desryn the new Captain of the Guard of Trinsic."

#### Evidence Link

"However, just as the simultaneous attacks occurred in Yew and Vesper, he was seen near Trinsic consorting with a band of orcs. The orcs soon drew the attention of the townspeople away from Juo'nar and he vanished, only to reappear later at the Shrine of Spirituality. After brutally murdering three monks, he snatched some glowing item from the ground and threw it into his backpack. He appeared ready to leave at this point, but upon seeing Eric of MiRC nearby, boldly dispatching an orc, he stopped to converse briefly. A brief transcript of that conversation is posted here:"

"Juo'nar: YOU THERE!  
Listen well. I have what I  
came for."

"Juo'nar: You're petty  
world of order means  
nothing to me now!!"  
It is after this point,  
and only after this point,  
that undead begin to be  
used in attacks in  
massive numbers, under  
control of Juo'Nar.

Crawworth had resigned  
his post and named Finth  
Desrin as successor, and  
perhaps had given the  
necklace he inherited from  
Hartham to the monks to  
attempt some spell over  
it, enhanced in the  
presence of the shrine of  
spirituality. Finth Desrin  
may have risked, and lost,  
in sacrificing his own wife  
in an attempt to draw  
the enemy away from the  
ritual at the shrine.  
Other, very important  
notes from this time in  
our history. All of the  
attacking forces, the  
Trolls, the Liche Twins,  
and the FOA, made claims  
to a new allie. It was  
this allie who seemed to  
embolden them all. It was  
this Allie who seemed to  
be a link between all of  
this confusion. The theme  
that they had infiltrated  
our own, perhaps the  
very court of British  
himself, was also rampant.  
Even Juo'Nar seemed to  
be allied to this, but  
once attaining the magical  
necklace, all appearances of  
such an alliance vanished.  
The question remains, did

he break the alliance or  
was he never a part of  
the FOA? Were there  
several forces of evil  
trying to gain this  
necklace separately? Or  
together?

Juo'Nar was finally killed,  
but his body dissappeared  
and no neclace was  
spoken of. The Paladins  
of Trinsic would make no  
comments. I remember a  
comment, "Dead bodies  
don't just walk away"...or  
do they?

Many things happened,  
in and about these times,  
and the FOA were very  
active. The Relics of  
Mondain were stolen,  
recovered, and then stolen  
again. They were never  
recovered after that.

There was much to do  
with the Blackrock and  
Shrinestone that seems  
inherantly involved in all  
this.

Then the FOA attempted  
a casting that was  
assumed to be a try at  
the spell of Armageddon,  
which caused earthquakes  
all over the lands and  
opened up the entrances  
to the Lost Lands.

Crawworth was sent to  
investigate these new  
lands, and died there. It  
was speculated that the  
Relics of Mondain were  
used in this casting, but  
I've found no proof yet  
of that. It was also  
speculated that the  
casting was actually an  
attempt to revive the  
Relics, body parts of  
Mondain. Again, I have  
found no proof, yet I ask  
ye to consider the  
possibilities. It's important  
that Crawworth was sent  
into the new lands, who

seemed to be deeply  
involved in the necklace.

Just before the 3  
leaders of the FOA were  
captured, Sir Duquelle was  
kidnapped and killed in  
some ghastly ritual. He  
was a member of Lord  
British's court, and the  
last time anyone saw him,  
they also witnessed this:

#### Evidence Link

"sighting of three strange  
figures at the castle  
milling around his  
chambers. This was right  
around the last time Sir  
Duquelle was seen on the  
castle grounds. While no  
one was able to say who  
this trio might be, one  
chambermaid happened to  
notice that all three  
wore the same necklace.  
A necklace with some  
sort of black insignia on  
it. Quite odd."